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BOOK REVIEWS.

A BRIEF FOR THE TRIAL OF CRIMINAL CASES. By AUSTIN ABBOTT, assisted by WM. C. BEECHER. Second ed. By Publishers' Editorial Staff. Rochester: The Lawyer's Co-Operative Publishing Company, 1902. \$4.50 delivered.

This is the last of the "Trial Brief" Series to be re-edited and republished by these enterprising publishers of law books. The "Civil Trial Brief" and the "Brief on the Facts" have in their second edition been noticed in these pages. That these former second editions have been found useful is unquestioned by those who have been able to have them at hand, and they are not a few, for the publishers have issued nearly 14,000 of each.

Each has improved in the new edition and the subject of the present review is no exception. The most noticeable advantage is the immense amount of material which has been added without rendering the volume unwieldy.

The publishers claim for the book that it has been brought down to date (1902), and adapted for use in every state in the Union. In doing this, it has been found necessary to add nearly one hundred new sections. There are about one hundred and fifty more pages, but owing to its smaller type the new work gives about twice as much actual matter. The text is supported by twice as many citations.

Nearly all the chapters show a large amount of additional matter, especially those on "Pleas to the Indictment," "Postponement," "Selection of Jurors," "Reception of Evidence," "Rules of Evidence," and "Instructing the Jury."

The following chapters have been nearly doubled in length: "Counsel," "Presence and Custody of Accused," "Arraignment," "Demurrer to Indictment," "Removal of Cause," "Change of Venue," "Right to a Speedy Trial," "Separate Trial," "Supervision of Jury," and "Documents for Jury."

Like the others of the series, "Criminal Trial Brief" was designed simply as a trial hand-book. It was intended to give essential information with regard to the rights, privileges and immunities of the accused, as the questions come up in the course of a trial.

It aims to give the essential information for counsel, in the conduct of a criminal trial, from arraignment to sentence, or discharge, and authority from each state,—leading cases on each proposition.

It is essentially an emergency hand-book used daily, and as such this edition will no doubt meet with much favor.